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### Interview Summary

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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 19 of the amendment filed on 12/19/07.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hogendijk (US 6,537,299) and Aboul-Hosn (US 6,228,063).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Claims 1 and 19 were discussed against Hogendijk and Aboul-Hosn references. Examiners indicate that Aboul-Hosn does not read on claim 1. With respect to claim 19, Applicant will further define the limitation of "annular projection" to overcome Hogendijk reference.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner, Art Unit 3731

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